



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Mitsuhiro KASAHARA et al.

Appl. No. : 09/994,794 (Divisional
Of 09/856,161)

Group Art Unit: 2673

Examiner: Kent Wu CHANG

Filed : November 28, 2001

For : DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING ITS BRIGHTNESS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 29, 2002, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding runs to April 29, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002, claims 1-8 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 21-28 of co-pending parent application number 09/856,161, or claims 1-9 of co-pending application number 09/994,775.

Applicants respectfully traverse the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection set forth by the Examiner, but submit a Terminal Disclaimer in order to advance the

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